

The 141<sup>st</sup> annual Bent Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association meeting was called to order by Pres. Ron O'Neal at 1:35 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Bowman Building lecture hall on Lamar Community College campus, Lamar, Colo. There were about 40 adults in attendance.

The welcome and invocation were given by Pres. O'Neal, a welcome by Dr. John Martin, President of ICCC, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen members. The youth then split into their association meeting, plus helped with Cooperative Extension Service staff run Meat Quality Assurance stations.

Industry reports were given by Dr. John Stulp, Colorado agriculture commissioner; Rick Wahlert, Colorado Brand Board commissioner; Rick Gardner, Colorado Dept. of Wildlife; Kaye Kasza, Colorado CattleWomen; and Terry Fankhauser, Colorado Cattlemen's (CCA) exec. vice president. A Colorado Beef Council movie promotional clip was shown. U.S. Rep. Betsey Markey's local aide, Cheryl Webb, and State Senate political candidate John Webb introduced themselves.

Steve McIndree moved and Bill Gray seconded to dispense with the reading of the 2009 annual meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Joe Kasza presented the audit committee's report. Kasza moved and Steve McIndree seconded to approve the audit and the proposed budget. Motion passed on a voice vote. Pat Karney presented the Endowment Trust's statement of condition and financial statement. John Smartt moved and Kevin Hefley seconded to approve the Endowment Trust report. Motion passed on a voice vote.

In new business, Second Vice President Lori Chase presented the resolutions committee's resolutions:

**Directive 1:** Animal disease traceability.

Therefore be it directed that the CCA board of directors become proactive on addressing USDA's current animal disease traceability system by the following measures:

- USDA implement a standardized approach across state lines;
- Direct NCBA to proactively be involved in the process along with their state affiliates;
- Whenever and whomever holds the data, that it must be held in the strictest of confidentiality; and
- Federal government must fund the system at the state and national levels.

Steve McIndree moved to accept the directive as read, Mike Dutton seconded, and motion passed on a voice vote, with Tim Erickson voting against the directive.

**Resolution 1:** Honor deceased members.

Whereas, since the last annual meeting many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We, who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association and we are saddened by their absence. We share the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone before us, have firmly instilled in our association.

Therefore be it resolved, the members of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

Lori Chase moved and Susan Russell seconded. Motion passed by the members standing in a minute of silence.

The nominating committee report was given by Immediate Past Pres. Mike Dutton, with the slate of officers: Timy Trooper, president; Lori Chase, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president; Kevin Hefley, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president; and Susan Russell, secretary/treasurer. Hans Hasser moved and Bill Gray seconded to cease nominations and elect Timy Trooper as president by acclamation. Motion passed. Curtis Russell moved and Tim Erickson seconded to cease nominations and elect Lori Chase as 1<sup>st</sup> vice president by acclamation. Steve McIndree moved and Pat Karney seconded to cease nominations and elect Kevin Hefley as 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president by acclamation. Motion passed. Tim Erickson moved and Kevin Hefley seconded to cease nominations and elect Susan Russell as secretary/treasurer by acclamation. Motion passed.

Mike Dutton then presented the director slates, after explaining there were collegiate members interested to serve. Dutton also said the committee broke nominees by counties for the slate, knowing that some directors



reside in one county but have business dealings or property in another. For Baca County directors, Reggy Lusk, Clint Plagge and Steve McEndree were nominated. Bill Gray moved and Timy Trosper seconded to elect the slate as Baca County representatives by acclamation. Motion passed.

For Bent County directors, Joe Kasza, Pat Karney, Tim Erickson and Bill Hancock were nominated. Steve McEndree moved and Bill Gray seconded to elect the four men as Bent County representatives by acclamation. Motion passed.

For Kiowa County directors, Bruce Fickenscher, Tyler Karney, Les Watts and Louis James were nominated. John Smartt moved and Timy Trosper seconded to elect the four men as Kiowa County representatives by acclamation. Motion passed.

For Prowers County directors, Milton Rink, Leonard Pruett, Hans Hasser and Amber Rink-Freouf were nominated. Following discussion, Pat Karney moved and Hans Hasser seconded to close nominations and accept Rink, Pruett, Hasser and Rink-Freouf as Prowers County's directors and elect Cade Hasser as a final Baca County director. Motion passed.

For Otero County directors, Bill Gray, Leon Leonard, Dave Mendenhall and Pat Ptolemy were nominated. Pat Karney moved and JoAnn McEndree seconded to close nominations and accept the Otero County directors by acclamation. Motion passed.

There was no further business. Leonard Pruett moved and Bill Gray seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by voice vote. Pres. Ron O'Neal adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m. The events continued at 5:30 p.m. the Cow Palace Inn.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Russell".

Susan Russell, secretary